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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Command Policy #68-05, Commander's Statement on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program Policies**

**1. REFERENCES.**

- a. AR 600-20, Chapter 8 20 September 2005, Army Command Policy.
- b. ALARCT 176/2004, Interim Guidance – Army Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program.

**2. PURPOSE.** To issue command policy letter showing command's commitment to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program IAW AR 600-20, Chapter 8.

**3. GENERAL.** Sexual assault is a violation of Army core values and standards. Leaders will take an active role in eradicating sexual assault in the Army. The chain of command will provide a safe and secure environment to ensure victims know their concerns are being addressed while protecting the rights of the accused. Commanders will create and promote a positive command climate that encourages victims of sexual assault to come forward.

**4. POLICY/PROCEDURE.**

a. Fort Leonard Wood will address sexual assault (rape, sodomy, and indecent assault) through the following actions:

(1) Enhanced awareness and prevention through training (new leader, annual unit, pre and post deployment) by the Sexual Assault Prevention Trainer (SAPT) or Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC).

(2) Advocates assisting victims.

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(3) Aggressive, timely, and thorough criminal investigations.

b. Commanders, when notified of a sexual assault, will limit the knowledge to only those who have a legitimate need to know to ensure the victim's privacy is maintained.

c. Commanders, when notified of a sexual assault, should contact the Military Police (MP) and/or transport the victim to the Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) Emergency Room (ER) immediately. Commanders who hear of a sexual assault from a source other than the victim should contact the MPs immediately. Commanders, regardless of how they become aware of a sexual assault, are not to initiate an internal administrative investigation except when directed to do so by regulation.

d. Commanders will ensure that military members within the unit are aware of unrestricted and restricted reporting options as outlined in Chapter 8 of AR 600-20. Commanders will ensure that military members are not pressured to reveal the reason behind requests to visit the Medical Treatment Facility (MTF), the Chaplain, Army Community Service (ACS) Family Advocacy Program (FAP) and/or Legal Assistance as this would interfere with their option of restricted reporting in a sexual assault.

e. This effort involves the integrated efforts of Commanders at all levels, military and civilian law enforcement, military and civilian medical personnel, and other professional military and multidisciplinary civilian agencies, and Criminal Investigation Division.


f. Each battalion will identify and appoint, on orders, two active duty service members to serve as Unit Victim Advocates (UVAs). The Unit Victim Advocate must be an NCO (E-6 or higher), or Officer (O-2/WO2 or higher). Each brigade will identify and appoint, on orders, one Deployable Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (DSARC). The DSARC must be an NCO (E-7 or higher) or Officer (O-4/CW3 or higher). For criteria see Chapter 8-7 of AR 600-20 (currently in draft and available at [www.sexualassault.army.mil](http://www.sexualassault.army.mil)). The UVAs are required to receive 40 hours of training (16 hours initially and then an additional 24 hours during their year of appointment). The DSARCs must complete a 3-day training course.

g. Organizational Inspection Program assessments will include a review of the prevention of sexual assault and treatment of victims in accordance with current regulations and policies.

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5. PROPONENCY. The proponent for this Command Policy is the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Army Community Service, 596-0212.



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